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County Executive

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Mr. Paul Bubbosh, Chair Montgomery County Energy and Air Quality Advisory Committee c/o Department of Environmental Protection 255 Rockville Pike, Suite 120 Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Mr. Bubbosh:

Thank you for your January 13, 2011, letter regarding the Energy and Air Quality Advisory Committee's support for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's SmartWay Transport Partnership. I particularly appreciate the Committee's recognition of the need to pursue initiatives that benefit the environment while providing economic incentives to businesses.

Please continue to work with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to advance the adoption of the SmartWay Transport Partnership in Montgomery County. As I am sure you are aware, the County, in partnership with the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, has developed a Green Business Certification Program to recognize and support businesses that have taken voluntary steps to protect, preserve, and improve the environment. I urge you to explore incorporating the SmartWay Transport Partnership into this initiative. In addition, I encourage you to work through DEP to investigate ways that the SmartWay Transport Partnership could be incorporated into the County's procurement process.

I want to thank the Energy and Air Quality Advisory Committee for its continued commitment to Montgomery County. Please let me know if there is anything specific I can do to support your efforts related to the SmartWay Transport Partnership or any other Committee initiatives.

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Sincerely

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cc: Robert G. Hoyt, Department of Environmental Protection Stan Edwards, Department of Environmental Protection Eric Coffman, Department of Environmental Protection